



Department of Pesticide Regulation's

AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 30, 2005**
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: **1001 I Street**
Training Rooms East/West, 1st floor
Sacramento, California 95812

Members Present: (7) Michael Costello-California State University System, Linda LaVanne- Agricultural Pest Control Advisers, Barbara Todd- Department of Food and Agriculture (Ex-Officio), Ronald Berg- Pest Control Dealers, Mary Louise Flint-UCIPM, Elaine Hale – PAPA and Jean La Duc- General Public.

Department Staff: (7) David Duncan- Chair of Committee (Ch), George Farnsworth, Mac Takeda, John Troiano, Ada Scott, Cynthia Ray and Rayven Jenkins

Guests: (5) Terry Gage- California Ag Aircraft Association, Judy Letterman – PAPA, Patrick O'Connor Marer- University of California, Susan Cohen- University of California, and Darci Sagara-CAPCA

Members Absent: (5)– Scott Hudson- County Agricultural Commissioner Association, Tim Butler – Registrants, David De Silva – Board of Governors of the Community Colleges, Richard Stoltz- Pest Control Aircraft Pilots, and Jeff Phillips- Commercial Applicator Certificate Holders.

Member Vacancies: (3)- Vacant – Pest Control Businesses, Vacant – Producers, and Maintenance Gardener Pest Control Business, Vacant

AGENDA

- 9:30-9:35** **Introduction of members and others in attendance and review of agenda**
David Duncan, Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR)
- 9:35-9:40** **Review and approval of July 19, 2005 Minutes**
Committee approved the minutes without comments or corrections.
- 9:40-10:00** **Report on 2005/06 Licensing renewal, website changes, rulemaking update for private applicator continuing education and PCA minimum qualifications Committee, Mac Takeda, David Duncan, DPR**

Renewal:

- Currently 11.66% of the business licenses and 37.45 % of the individual licenses and certificates have been renewed.

Website Changes:

- The DPR website has been reformatted with the addition, under license types, of the annual County registration requirements.
- A list of expired pest control business licenses, by county in alpha order, was added to the website.
- Complete Renewal and application packets have been added under forms.
- The 2006 examination schedule has been added to the website and included in the new license and certificate application packets on our website.
- The revised Restricted materials requirements chart can now be found under Publications and Outreach.
- Hopefully a county, out-of-state and out-of-country listing of valid DPR licenses and certificates with a drop down will be installed by the end of this year. The details still need to be finalized yet.

Rulemaking Updates

- Private Applicator Certificate Holders Continuing Education Requirements:

Ada Scott said that specific language would be added to the regulations to allow the Private applicator to renew with Continued Education hours only, as apposed to taking a re-exam or doing the CE hours. This section of language will be submitted to OAL by December 12th.

- PCA minimum qualifications:

Ada Scott provided a copy of the suggested amendments to the California Code of Regulations regarding the minimum requirements for a PCA license. The sub-committee wanted feedback and they were very pleased with the outcome. They all agreed it was a great piece of work. There was much discussion regarding clarification of 'Special Projects', 'Thesis', 'Senior Projects' etc. since Ada indicated that there may be questions from OAL regarding how they would be evaluated. As a whole the group felt that the proposed MQ regulation was clear, but David Duncan suggested giving OAL examples of application forms or a check off list to provide clarification. The committee agreed they could contact each other electronically with ideas.

10:00-10:35 Recommendation on the concept of chemigation subcategory for commercial applicators and chemigation exam supplement for private applicators (committee action item)

David Duncan, John Troiano, DPR

Chemigation is a method of pesticide application in which pesticides are injected into irrigation water. This method of application requires special backflow prevention equipment to keep the pesticide from contaminating the source of water, such as ground water and surface water. Should DPR have a Subcategory for chemigation?

Observations:

1. Pursue education of applicators involved in chemigation.
 - a. Suggest open book test for Private applicators.
 - b. Suggest internet course for private and Commercial applicators providing .5 hr or 1 hr of CE training for those who are involved in chemigation.
2. Need to take more affirmative step towards identifying chemigators. Identifying them will provide a better system of providing outreach in regards new chemigation procedures and equipment that is available.
3. One way is to identify all chemicals labeled for chemigation as restricted materials. Need to make these changes at the federal level.
4. Come up with language on how to regulate chemigation practices. Project is still under consideration by DPR.

10:35-10:50 (BREAK TBA)

10:50-11:10 Update on AB 1011, licensing of large retail distributors as pesticide brokers
George Farnsworth, DPR

A new California law AB 1011 will be going into effect January 1, 2006; it will close loopholes and ensure that first sellers of pesticides into the state, other than registrants, obtain a pesticide broker's license from the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). The goal of Assembly Bill 1011 (Chapter 612, Statutes of 2005) is to promote a safe, fair, and equitable marketplace by ensuring that all who sell pesticides in California pay their fair share for environmental programs. This new legislation could impact those who ship nonagricultural use pesticide product into the state of California. There will be no fee for the Broker License

A company needs a Pesticide Broker License when they first sale pesticides into the State of California. It was discovered that huge amounts of pesticide sales were coming into the state through 'Big Box Stores' such as WalMart and Longs Drugs without the mill assessment being paid.

For years the law has stated that ANY company or person that sells pesticide into the state must pay the mill assessment if it is not paid by the registrant..

DPR is in the process of amending the pesticide broker license application form (PR-PML-217) to delete all references to fees except a \$20 fee for replacement, duplicate license or Name and address change, and we hope to have the revised form available on-line before December 1st.

Only the main company needs the Broker License, not the branches, so there should only be about 300 Brokers in the State of California.

11:10-11:20 Study guides and exam update

Mary Lou Flint, UC Davis IPM and Adolfo Gallo, DPR

Patrick O'Connor-Marer, aerial applicator study guide and exam

Study guides:

Susan Cohen came on board with UCIPM as a Senior Writer on August 10, 2005 to handle study guides, exams, knowledge expectations etc.. Patrick O'Connor-Marer who was responsible for the guides and exams retired more than a year ago, so Susan has been hire to work on study guides, exams, PCA study guides, and knowledge expectations.

A-Residential, Industrial, and Institutional study guide has been revised and will be printed this month.

Q-Landscape maintenance will be finished soon Available sometime March.

Aerial Applicator Study Guide:

Patrick O'Connor-Marer the contractor for the Aerial Applicator Study Guide stated that he has currently written up to 8 of the ten Chapter book. He said that he was on track and would have the final manuscript done by the due date of June 2006.

11:20-11:40 Issues that may impact PCAs today and in the future – a discussion at the CAPCA Conference (New technologies, IPM, reduced pesticide use, site evaluation, pesticide alternatives and more)

Jean Laduc, David Duncan, Committee

David Duncan handed out a list of issues that Douglas Okumura spoke to the CAPCA Board at the CAPCA Conference about. Jean Laduc felt we should look at the issues and see how the group felt about addressing some of them. David Duncan said that Doug was quite interested in the following:

- Encourage PCA's to become active and involved.
- How would these issues: Priority Episode and Exposure Incidents; Endangered Species; Environmental Justice; Fumigant Use and Mitigations; Total Maximum Daily Loads and etc. fit in the agricultural pest control advisory committee agenda to discuss and make recommendations or does it fit in CE training.
- Participate.

If you have any ideas or comments please contact Jean or David.

11:40-11:50 Next agenda and meeting date - Committee

Meeting Date: March 22, 2006 (Wednesday)

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30pm

Place: 1001 I street

Training room 1 East and West (First Floor)

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